

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re:

U.S. Application of:

Sumiyo TANAKA

For:

IMAGE SEARCHING SYSTEM, IMAGE

SEARCHING METHOD, AND RECORDING

MEDIUM STORING AN IMAGE SEARCHING

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Dear Sir:

## **RESPONSE**

This Response is filed in response to the Office Action dated October 10, 2002 which provides for a response period ending January 10, 2003.